

## REMARKS

The Office Action of May 4, 2005, has been carefully considered. Applicants thanks the Examiner for suggestions regarding further allowable subject matter and for indicating that a method claim would be considered.

The paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 5 of the original application has been amended to describe the handle as having a forward portion, a transition portion, and a hand graspable portion, wherein the forward portion houses the light source and is smaller in cross-section than the hand graspable portion, and wherein the cooperation of the forward portion and the transition portion provide a rest for a care giver's index finger. The features described in the amended specification are shown in FIGS. 1, 2, and 3 of the original drawings, and Applicant believes that no new matter has been added.

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations that the handle include a forward portion housing a light source, a transition portion cooperating with the forward portion to provide a rest for a care giver's index finger, and a hand graspable portion large enough to provide a rest for a user's fingers on one side and palm on the other side.

Claim 3 has been amended to remove limitations added to the herein amended Claim 1, which Claim 3 depends from.

New Claims 15 - 20 have been added which depend from Claim 1, Claim 15 describes a rounded forward portion, Claim 16 describes a rounded transition portion,

Claim 17 describes the transition portion sloping upwardly and forwardly from the hand graspable portion to the forward portion, Claim 18 describes that the transition portion provides a smooth transition to the forward portion and to the hand graspable portion, Claim 19 describes a round hand graspable portion, and Claim 20 describes the light source being energized by a battery in the hand graspable portion. Claim 21 describes a method according to the present invention.

FIG. 2 has been amended to provide an element number for the forward portion of the handle and an element number for the hand graspable portion of the handle.

### **Rejections Based on 35 USC § 103**

The examiner has rejected claims 1, and 3-7 under 35USC § 103 as anticipated by Rende (US 6,523,545) in view of Allen, Jr (US 4,602,430). Claim 1 has been amended to include a forward portion, a transition portion, and a hand graspable portion of the handle, as shown in FIGS. 1, 2, and 3 of the original drawings and described in the specification as herein amended. The forward portion is described as being smaller in cross-section than the hand graspable portion and housing the light source, the hand graspable portion is described as being large enough to provide a rest for a user's fingers on one side and palm on the other side, and the forward portion and transition portion are described as providing a rest for the user's index finger proximal to and behind the blades. Because neither Rende nor Allen describe a handle including a forward portion housing a light source, a hand graspable portion

suitable for holding between fingers and palm, a transition portion between a hand graspable portion to a forward portion, or that a cooperation of a forward portion and a transition portion provides a rest for a care giver's index finger, Applicant believes that the amended Claim 1 is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection based on Rende and Allen and advance Claim 1 toward allowance.

Claims 3 - 7 depend from Claim 1, and because Applicant believes that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection based on Rende and Allen and advance Claims 3 - 7 toward allowance.

## CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1, 3 - 11, 13, and 14 remain pending in the application. New Claims 15 - 21 have been added. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejections in the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005. New Claims 15-21 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner advance Claims 1, 3 -11, and 13-21 to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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